WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for searching the web for targeted Websites and downloading the targeted document files to a user-terminal for a topic search comprising:

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(a) terminal server means for searching the Internet on targeted Websites;

(b) user-terminal means to download said targeted Websites as document files to a user-terminal means;

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(c) means for converting said document files into a common format;

(d) search means for searching said downloaded common format document files for a designated topic;

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(e) opening means to view those document files indicated as a hit;

(f) selection mans to enable viewing of each said common-format downloaded pages holding the designated topic which was indicated as a hit.

2.   The system of claim 1 which includes:

(g) means to link said downloaded page to a copy of the downloaded originally formatted page holding the selected search topic.

3.   The system of claim 1 wherein said terminal server means includes:

(a1) Verity search engine means for targeting a selected Website on the Internet.

4.   The system of claim 1 wherein said search means (d) for searching said downloaded document files includes:

(d1) means to convert said downloaded document files to a common format;

(d2) means to search said downloaded document files in their common format for a selected topic.

5.   The system of claim 4 which includes:

(d3) means for selecting pages having hits for viewing by a user.

6.   The system of claim 5 which includes:

(d4) means for utilizing a "next hit" or "previous hit" button to view new listed hit pages on the selected topic.

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7.   The system of claim 4 wherein said means (c)
for converting downloaded document files to a common
format includes:

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(c1)   auxiliary utility program means for
enabling conversions of multiple file
formats to a common Portable Document
Format (PDF).

8.   The system of claim 7 wherein said search means
(d) for searching said downloaded document files
includes:

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(d5)   Adobe Acrobat program means for
searching said common format PDF files for
a selected topic and generating a list of
hits.

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9.   The system of claim 4 which includes:

(f) linking means for viewing the original
page of a selected topic which correlates to
the selected topic page in said common format.

10. A system for accessing multiple formatted document files from the World Wide Web for subsequent topic searching and viewing the hits comprising:

(a) terminal server means for searching targeted Websites and downloading selected hits of target documents;

(b) conversion means to convert said downloaded hit document files to a common format;

(c means for searching said common format downloaded hit as document files for a selected topic;

(d) means for utilizing those common formatted document hit pages for viewing by a user;

(e) means for linking said common format hit pages to the original hit pages for viewing by a user.

11.   A method for searching and viewing selected-topic pages of variously formatted document files downloaded from the Web, comprising the steps of:

  (a) searching the World Wide Web for selected Websites;

  (b) downloading said selected Websites which represent hits to access multiple document files which occur in many different formats;

  (c) converting each of said multiple document files to a common format;

  (d) searching said common format document files with a compatible search engine to provide a directory of document files which have hits;

  (e) displaying for view, each page of said commonly formatted document files having hits;

(f) linking each commonly formatted page of document hits to the corresponding original document for viewing the pages of said original document.

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